

St. Francis at the Point Anglican Church



JULY 2024



What are Growth Groups? They are small groups that meet to study and grow in our faith together.

How often do they meet? They will meet once a week for 8-10 weeks.

When will they begin? They will start the week of September 8th.

What will they study? Each group leader will choose a topic. It will be a book of the bible, a book, or a video based study.

When will each group meet? Each group leader will decide what day of the week and what time it will meet.

Who are the group leaders? They are being recruited right now. If you are interested in leading a group, contact Fr. Gary. There will be a required small group leader training session on Saturday, August 17th, at 9:00am.

How will I sign up for a group? We will publish a list of groups, leaders and topics. We'll sign up for groups at the end of the summer.

Can I sign up for more than one group? Yes. You can be a part of as many groups as you would like.





Healing service

Our healing service is held at 3:00 pm every Wednesday in the chapel. The service lasts about 45 minutes. We pray for people for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. If you, or someone you know, are in need of healing prayer or if you are just curious, come and worship with us.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN TIME OF WAR:



O Almighty God who art a most strong tower to all who put their trust in thee: Be now and evermore our defense; look in pity upon the wounded and the prisoners; cheer the anxious; comfort the bereaved; succor the dying; have mercy upon the fallen; and hasten the time when war shall cease in all the world; bring peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

adapted from A Manual for Priests, page 270

The study on Timothy Keller's book: PRAYER, continues on Wednesdays, through July 24th. The study is in book club format and begins at

10:30 am. Please contact the church office with any questions you may have!



2023 - Dave Howard, Sr. Warden
2022 - Paul Renn, Jr. Warden
2022 - Theresa Lacey
2023 - Gena Jackson
2024 - Becky Linton
2024 - Albert Key
Robin Renn – Secretary
Jeanine Wickham – Treasurer

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YOUTH RETREAT!! SEPTEMBER 27—29th



More information to follow. Contact Wendy Egebrecht, 251.979.4583, with questions.

The St. Francis at the Point Library is now open thanks to a generous donor who supplied all of the books! Come to the parlor and "check it out"!



MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday,
July 20th
8:00 a.m.



All men are welcome!



Sunday

BRUNCH

JULY 7 Group # 6
 JULY 14 Group # 7
 JULY 21 Group # 8
 JULY 28 CHURCH



CHAPEL RENOVATION UPDATE:

The vestry voted at their most recent meeting to accept the architect's proposal for initial architectural construction drawings and engineering drawings. This the next step in the process. Once those drawings are complete, they can be given to contractors who will work up quotes for the work that we want done on the chapel.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The most recent financial report approved by the vestry will be posted on the bulletin board next to the vestry minutes. Any member can request a more detailed report by contacting the Treasurer, Jeanine Wickham, for a copy.

MAY

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income: | \$ 23,440 | \$ 28,743 |
| Expenses: | \$ 26,318 | \$ 29,135 |
| Mortgage Balance: | | \$ 225,024 |

Please note:

Monthly, we add \$500 to the Major Repair Fund. The mortgage is paid monthly. The interest is included in the expenses, but the principal is not. Therefore, about \$2,000 monthly is deducted from the operating fund for these two items.



NEW ADULT CLASS
 - begins on July 21st -

I & II Timothy

& continues through
September 1st, with Fr. Gary.

St. Francis - A "safe place" for more than it's people!!



Anglican Women's Guild

Anglican Women's Statement of Our Mission: "The mission of the Anglican Women's Guild (AWG) of St. Francis at the Point is to witness to the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) by sacrificially serving as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to the needy in Baldwin County and beyond while bonding in Christian friendship and fellowship"

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you...No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another." John 15:12-17

When I began attending **St. Francis at the Point** a few years ago, I noticed something important to my view of this gathering: The ladies of this church community are not only visible in their faith, but actively working through their women's guild to support, sustain & nurture others through Christian mission, fundraising, hospitality and their unique brand of grit and grace.

As I have gotten to know them, through the **Anglican Women's Guild**, (and through serving meals and attending Bible Study,) I have been pleasantly encouraged in my own faith. They are truly the Body of Christ, actively working to bring about the Kingdom of God in ways that they are called and are able.

The Anglican Women's Guild invites all ladies of St. Francis at the Point to join us in celebrating the love of Christ through the work of our women's organization! Not only do we strive to accomplish the work of our parish prayerfully and with an eye toward Christian stewardship, we enjoy the fellowship of each other and that joy of the work that is before us. We welcome new attendants to get to know our work and our members, as we work to provide for hospitality, ministry, care and Christian education and ministry throughout our community and beyond.

Here are a few of the ways we offer ministry and care as Christian women of the church of St. Francis:

Though our Fall Festival event each November, our St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March, and fundraising/donation efforts throughout the year, **The Anglican Women's Guild** of St. Francis at the Point provides donations and tangible support for these notable institutions and causes: Ecumenical Ministries, Prodissee Pantry, The Baldwin Family Village, Women's Care Medical Center, Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse, William F. Green Veteran's Home, Fairhope's Police Department, and St. Francis Music Society.

Ladies, won't you join us? We persist in the love of Christ, the fellowship of the saints (both those who have gone before us and those still here among us) and in the work of his Church, in the tradition of the Anglican faith. We would love to see you

Can you help? Meals Ministry needs delivery drivers for July & August!

Call Beverly Dykes,
251.990.8296, to serve.



Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am
THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS
ending July 7th
with Fr. Gary



OUR DAILY BREAD

The June, July, August issue is here!
Pick up your copy (and a copy for a friend!)
from the Narthex or Parish Hall table.

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES:

JULY COLLECTION:
DIAPERS & Pull Ups

Please place your donations
in the collection bin in the
Parish Hall.



On Saturday, June 22, The Rt. Rev. Steve Wood of St. Andrews Church in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, was elected the next archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America. As ACNA's third elected archbishop, Wood will replace exiting archbishop The Most Rev. Foley Beach, who has held the position since his election by the college in 2014. Wood's leadership at St. Andrews, and as the first bishop in the Diocese of the Carolinas, grew the church to a membership of more than 3,000 and saw the establishment of new churches in Goose Creek, downtown Charleston, and the Park Circle area of North Charleston. Adam Parker, of Post & Courier, described it as "one of the Lowcountry's biggest church success stories."

As Beach's second term as archbishop comes to a close, Wood will assume authority on June 28, at the closing Eucharist of the assembly. Beach commented positively after the election, saying, "Bishop Wood is an incredible leader and the ACNA is going to be blessed in this next season of our life together."

According to the Rev. Canon Andrew Gross, spokesperson for ACNA, the transfer will officially occur during the "Transfer of Spiritual Authority," a moment when the previous archbishop hands the Provincial Cross to the new archbishop. After the transfer of authority, Beach plans to take a sabbatical before continuing his work in the denomination as bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South.

Wood expressed surprise at the election result. "Who expects to be elected the archbishop of the Province? It is overwhelming, humbling, and I am in need of God's grace and mercy," Wood said in a press release from ACNA.

Check out the link below that has Archbishop Wood's sermon at the closing Eucharist where authority was passed to him: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8z_59h1OM





4 - 5 - OFFICE CLOSED

8- 12 - Rummage Sale Set Up

13 - AWG Rummage Sale

20 - Men's Breakfast & AWG Meeting

21 - New Adult Sunday School Session

Starts - I & II Timothy

21 - Acolyte Training

July Verse of the Day:

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27

JULY



ANNIVERSARIES:

David & Jacquie Jackson 07/06

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Dianna Bryant-Sendek | 07/02 | Elaine Sigmond | 07/17 |
| Susan Maddison | 07/05 | Millie Smith | 07/19 |
| Randall Sendek | 07/05 | Maureen Moreland | 07/20 |
| Peter Herndon | 07/07 | Samuel Rollason | 07/25 |
| Susan Alsup | 07/09 | Teague Delmas | 07/26 |
| Robin Renn | 07/11 | Bevelyn Wallace | 07/26 |
| John Cutright | 07/13 | Sally Wilkins | 07/27 |

If your date is not on this list or if your information is incorrect, we do apologize. Please email the church office at stfrancisatthepoint@gmail.com or fill out a communication card with the correct information.



AWG

Next Monthly Meeting
Saturday,
July 20th, 9:30 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD:

GROWTH GROUPS COMING THIS FALL!!!

NEW APPLIANCES AT ST. FRANCIS!!



First to arrive - our new Thor stove! It has a gas cook top and an electric oven. No more dishes cooking unevenly. A great addition to the kitchen that many, many will enjoy using!



Next to arrive - our new stainless steel, fingerprint free refrigerator! Look at how nice it looks and all of that room!! Thank you to the special ladies that spent their time clearing, moving, cleaning and organizing from the old fridge to this beauty!



OF THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

PRAYER LIST: Please pray for the people and the clergy of these churches in our diocese: Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville, FL – Bill Driscoll (Rector), Scott Schultz (Associate Rector), Jeanne Higgins (Deacon), Katie Black-Boling (Candidate); Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Jacksonville, FL – Matthew Rusch (Rector); Adoration Church, Orlando, FL – Cameron MacMillan (Rector and Church Planter), Nick Audus (Postulant); The Mission Anglican Church, Pensacola, FL – Ron Browning (Rector), Steve Abbott (Associate Priest), Lisa Browning (Deacon), Bud Williams (Deacon); Resurrection Church Anglican, Jacksonville, FL - Joe Porfidio (Rector), Mark Eldredge (Priest), Daniel Barker (Priest), Ann Stewart Hemphill (Deacon), Peter Fenoff (Postulant); Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Melbourne, FL - Cameron Scalera (Rector), Jay Mueller (Associate Priest), Lynn Turner (Deacon); St. Francis at the Point, Point Clear, AL - Gary Blaylock (Rector), Milton Gibson (Assisting Priest); Incarnation Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL - Paul Hassell (Priest and Church Planter); Servants of Christ, Gainesville, FL - David Trautman (Rector), James Manley (Assisting Priest), Robert Ayres (Assisting Priest), Michael Mayo (Assisting Priest), Susan Rhodes (Assisting Priest), Megan Trautman (Deacon), Kathy Ayres (Deacon), Justin Smith (Postulant), Beth Kirby (Postulant); St. Andrews Anglican Church, Douglas, GA - James Guthrie (Interim Rector), Bob Millott (Deacon), Diane Millott (Deacon), Bill McNeil (Deacon); Resurrection Anglican, Shalimar, FL - Frank Gough II (Rector), Trinity Anglican, Thomasville, GA - Morgan Clark (Rector), Justin Hogg (Assisting Priest), Angela Jones (Postulant); St. Paul's Anglican Fellowship, Lynn Haven, FL - Sheryll Qualls (Deacon-in-Charge); The Table St. John's Fellowship, St. Augustine, FL - Lenny Konschewitz (Church Planter and Deacon), Lynne Ashmead (Priest), Damon Gibbs (Chaplain Priest), Jessica Jones (Archdeacon and Diocesan Staff); Other Clergy Retired- Michael Shaw, Dave Austell, Jim Hampson, Gray Stephenson, Robert Stull (Priest), Ted Schroeder, Woody Volland (Priest), John Commins (Priest), Marios Tsangaretti (Deacon), Alice Marcum, Other Clergy Active - Ken Aycock (Priest), David Sandifer (Priest); and Bishops resident in our Diocese - The Most Rev. Robert Duncan, The Rt. Rev. Neil Lebhar, The Rt. Rev. Jim Hobby, The Rt. Rev. John Miller, The Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns, and The Rt. Rev. John Howe.